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COORDINATING COMMITTEE

RECORD OF DISCUSSION

ON

GERMAN STATEMENT ON THE INTERPRETATION OF ITEM 1133(a)

7th June, 1960

Present: Belgium(Luxembourg), Canada, Denmark, France, Germany, Italy, Netherlands, United Kingdom, United States.

References: COCOM Docs. 3711.33/2 - 5.

1. The ITALIAN Delegate referred to the latest statement made by the German Delegate on the interpretation of Item 1133(a) (COCOM Doc. 3711.33/5), and stated that he would have to reserve his Delegation's position in this respect. The Italian Delegation had concurred in the views originally expressed by the German Delegation (COCOM Doc. 3711.33/3, paragraph 7), and reserved the right to make known their authorities' views on the new position taken up by the German Delegation at a later date.

2. The UNITED KINGDOM Delegate recalled that his Delegation had made a reservation during the last discussion on this question (COCOM Doc. 3711.33/5), and stated that he was still awaiting fresh instructions from his Government.

3. The GERMAN Delegate stated that he was aware that the position initially adopted by his Delegation had been supported by the majority of the Committee. He stressed that it was only after a very thorough study of the arguments adduced by the Netherlands and United States Delegations that the German authorities had come to share the views of these Delegations, and had recognised the strategic importance of the valves concerned on account of the fact that, amongst others, they were used for the liquefaction of gases in the nuclear industry. In conclusion, the Delegate stated that his Government would like to hear the final views of those Governments who had supported the original German position as soon as possible.

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